

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The newspaper/broadcast

cross-ownership cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Freedom of speech is our first ammendment. How can there be any freedom of speech when so few control the methods of communication? It is already a travesty that so few monopolize the media and give us distorted viewpoints, do not allow this silencing of different voices to continue.

Further there was once a rule in place that when someone on TV presented viewpoints they HAD to allow opposing opinions to be aired. Either that law has expired or the current media ownership is disregarding a fundamental right of the nation to make their voices heard. If it has expired, it too needs despirately to be reinstated for how do non billionaires ever made their opinions known?